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ENVIRONMENT FORESTS SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

ESTABLISHMENT OF TELANGANA STATE COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION FUND MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING AUTHORITY (TELANGANA STATE CAMPA).

[G.O.Ms.No.1, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology, 17th June, 2014.]

In pursuance of the guidelines on State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (State CAMPA), dt. 2-7-2009, issued by the Government of India, the Government of Telangana hereby establish an authority to be known as Telangana State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (herein after referred to as Telangana State CAMPA) with immediate effect for the purpose of enhancement of forest and tree cover and conservation and management of wildlife by utilizing fund received towards Compensatory Afforestation, Net present Value (NPV) etc. in compliance of the conditions stipulated by the Central Government while according approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (Central Act 69 of 1980) for non forestry uses of the forest land.

2. The Telangana State CAMPA shall consist of a Governing Body, a Steering Committee and an Executive Committee.

2.1 **THE GOVERNING BODY:** shall consist of the following:-

(i) Chief Minister	- Chairperson
(ii) Minister of Finance & Planning	- Member
(iii) Minister of Forest	- Member
(iv) Chief Secretary	- Member
(v) Principal Secretary (Finance)	- Member
(vi) Principal Secretary (Planning)	- Member
(vii) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests	- Member
(viii) Chief Wildlife Warden	- Member
(ix) Principal Secretary (Forests)	- Member

2.1 **THE STEERING COMMITTEE :** shall consist of the following:-

(i) Chief Secretary	- Chairperson
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(ii)	Principal Secretary (Forests)	- Member
(iii)	Principal Secretary (Finance)	- Member
(iv)	Principal Secretary (Planning)	- Member
(v)	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests	- Member
(vi)	Chief Wildlife Warden	- Member
(vii)	Nodal Officer heading FCA	- Member
(viii)	A representative of the Ministry of Environment & Forests	- Member
(ix)	Two eminent NGO's to be nominated by the State Government of a period of 2 years at a time who shall be eligible for re-nomination.	- Member
(x)	Nodal Officer heading CAMPA	- Member Secretary
2.3	THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: shall consist of the following:-	
(i)	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests	- Chairperson
(ii)	Chief Wildlife Warden	- Member
(iii)	Nodal Officer heading FCA	- Member
(iv)	Financial Controller / Financial Adviser in the	- Member
(v)	Two eminent NGO's to be nominated by the State Government for a period of 2 years at a time who shall be eligible for re-nomination	- Member
(vi)	Nodal Officer heading CAMPA	- Member Secretary

3. Powers and Functions of the Governing Body :

The Governing Body shall lay down the broad policy framework for the functioning of State level CAMPA and review its working from time to time.

4. Powers and Functions of the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee shall,

- (i) lay down and / or approve rules and procedures for the functioning of the body and its Executive Committee, subject to the overarching objectives and core principles of State CAMPA;
- (ii) monitor the progress of the utilization of funds released by the State CAMPA;
- (iii) approve the Annual Plan of Operation (APO) prepared by the Executive Committee;
- (iv) approve the annual reports and audited accounts of the State CAMPA;
- (v) ensure inter-departmental coordination;
- (vi) meet at least once in six months.

Powers and Functions of the Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee shall,

- (i) take all steps for giving effect to the State CAMPA and overarching objectives and core principles, in accordance with rules and procedures approved by the Steering Committee and the approved APO;
- (ii) prepare the APO of the State for various activities, submit it to the Steering Committee before end of December for each financial year, and obtain the Steering Committee's concurrence for release of funds, while giving break-up of the proposed activities and estimated costs;
- (iii) supervise the works being implemented in the State out of the funds released from the State CAMPA;
- (iv) be responsible for proper auditing of both receipt and expenditure of funds;
- (v) develop the code for maintenance of the account at the implementing agency level;
- (vi) submit reports to the Steering Committee for review / consideration; and
- (vii) prepare Annual Report by end-June for each financial year.

6. Aims and Objectives of State CAMPA

State CAMPA shall seek to promote;

- (a) conservation, protection, regeneration and management of existing natural forests;
- (b) conservation, protection and management of wildlife and its habitat within and outside protected areas including the consolidation of the protected areas;
- (c) compensatory afforestation'
- (d) environmental services, which include:-
 - I. provision of goods such as wood, non-timber forest products, fuel, fodder and water, and provision of services such as grazing, tourism, wildlife protection and life support;
 - II. regulating services such as climate regulation, disease control, flood moderation, detoxification, carbon sequestration and health of soils, air and water regimes;
 - III. non material benefits obtained from ecosystems spiritual, recreational, aesthetic, inspirational, educational and symbolic; and
 - IV. supporting such other services necessary for the production of ecosystem services, biodiversity, nutrient cycling and primary production.
- (e) Research, training and capacity building.

7. The Functions of State CAMPA shall include, inter alia-

- (i) funding, overseeing and promoting compensatory afforestation done in lieu of diversion of forest land for non-forestry use under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- (ii) overseeing forest and wildlife conservation and protection works within forest areas undertaken and financed under the programme.
- (iii) maintaining a separate account in respect of the funds received for conservation and protection of Protected Areas.
- (iv) creating transparency for the programme and mobilizing citizen support; and
- (v) earmarking up to two percent of the funds for monitoring and evaluation.

8. (1) The Telangana State CAMPA shall be custodian of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund.

(2) (A) They shall be credited into the account of the Telangana Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority.

- (i) Amount transferred to it by the ad-hoc CAMPA.
- (ii) Receipt of all monies from user agencies towards compensatory afforestation, additional compensatory afforestation, penal compensatory afforestation, Net Present Value (NPV), Catchment Area Treatment Plan or any money for compliance of conditions stipulated by the Central Government while according approval under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to projects in Telangana;
- (iii) The unspent funds already realized by States from user agencies and not transferred yet to the Adhoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority for crediting into the Fund by respective States;
- (iv) The funds recoverable from user agencies in cases where forest land diverted falls within the protected areas, that is, areas notified under section 18, 26A or 35 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for undertaking activities relating to the protection of biodiversity and wildlife, which would be maintained under a separate head; and
- (v) Net Present Value of the forest land diverted for non-forestry purposes, collected under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the rules and the guidelines made there under and in pursuance of the judgment of the Supreme Court dated the 29th October 2002 from user agencies.

(B) The State Government also credit to the State CAMPA -

- (a) grants or aid received if any;
- (b) any loan taken by the Authority or any borrowings made by it; and
- (c) any other sums received by the Authority by way of benefaction, gift or donations.

(C) The monies received in the State CAMPA shall be kept in interest bearing account(s) in nationalized bank(s) and periodically withdrawn for the works as per the Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) approved by the Steering Committee.

(D) The A.P. State CAMPA shall transfer the funds that are available in its accounts which are segregated to Telangana State CAMPA s on 1.6.2014, into the Telangana State CAMPA account for implementation of the APO and utilization of funds for monitoring of CAMPA activities in the State.

(3) **Utilization of the money :** The money available with the Telangana State CAMPA shall be utilized for meeting -

- (a) expenditure towards the development, maintenance and protection of forests and wildlife management as per the approved APO;
- (b) the non-recurring as well as recurring expenditure for the management of the State CAMPA, including the salary and allowances payable to its officers and other employees, by utilizing a part of the income from interest received by on funds invested by State CAMPA, but excluding income from funds recoverable from the user agencie in cases where forest land diverted falls within the protected areas, that is, areas notified under sections 18, 26A, or 35 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for undertaking activities related to protection of biodiversity and wildlife.
- (c) the expenditure incurred on monitoring and evaluation is subject to overall ceiling of 2% of the amount to be spent every year; and
- (d) disbursement

(3) **Disbursement of funds:**

- (1) The money received for compensatory Afforestation, additional compensatory afforestation, penal compensatory afforestation, Catchment Area Treatment Plan and for any other site specific scheme may be used as per site-specific schemes submitted by the State along with the approved proposals for diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- (2) After receipt of the money, State CAMPA shall accomplish the afforestation for which money is deposited in the Compensatory Afforestation Fund within a period of one year or two growing seasons after project completion, as may be appropriate.
- (3) The money received on account of Net Present Value (NPV) shall be used for natural assisted regeneration, forest management protection, infrastructure development, wildlife protection and management, supply of wood and other forest product saving devices and other allied activities.
- (4) Monies realized from the use agencies in pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's orders or decision taken by the National Board for Wildlife involving cases of diversion of forest land in protected areas shall form a district corpus and shall be used exclusively for undertaking protection and conservation activities in protected areas of the State.
- (5) State CAMPA shall release monies to the field officers in predetermined instalments as per the Annual Plan of Operation (APO) finalized.

(5) **Accounting Procedure**

- (i) State CAMPA shall prepare, in such form and at such time in each financial year as may be prescribed, its budget for the next financial year, showing the estimated receipts and expenditure of the State CAMPA.
- (ii) State CAMPA shall adopt financial regulations and procedures in particular the procedure for approval and implementing the APO.
- (iii) State CAMPA shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepare an annual statement of accounts in such form as prescribed by the C&AG of India.
- (iv) The accounts of the State CAMPA shall be internally audited every quarter by the Accounts Officers of the Forest Department and externally by the Chartered Accountants accredited by the C&AG of India and consolidated at the State level.
- (v) The accounts of the State CAMPA o consolidated shall be audited by the Accountant General of the state annually and any expenditure incurred in connection with such audite shall be payable by the Authority to the Accountant General after obtaining Approval of the Ad-hoc CAMPA.
- (vi) The Accountant General and any other person appointed by him in connection with the audit of the accounts of the State CAMPA shall have the same rights and privileges and authority in connection with such audit as the Accountant General generally has in connection with the audit of the Government

accounts and in particular, shall have the right to demand the production of books, accounts, connected vouchers and other documents and papers and to inspect the office of the State CAMPA.

- (vii) The accounts of the State CAMPA as certified by the Accountant General or any other person appointed by him in this behalf together with the audit report thereon and annual report, shall be forwarded annually to the State Government, the MoEF and the Adhoc CAMPA by the State CAMPA.
- (viii) The State Government and the MoEF shall have the power to conduct special audit or performance audit of the State CAMPA.
- (ix) The Annual report shall provide, *inter alia*, for —
 - (a) the details of various works done and the amount spent;
 - (b) the details of the amount received by the State CAMPA from various sources; and
 - (c) the observations made in the audit report.

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